

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-26 have been objected to as containing a number for informalities. Otherwise, it is noted with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that claims 11-25 contain allowable subject matter. On the other hand, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-10 and 26 based on Talbot (GB 2,311,602A).

In view of the indicated allowable subject matter related to claims 11-25, Applicants have amended the claims herein so that all pending independent claims contain one or more of the features which have been indicated as being allowable.

More specifically, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable limitation of claim 11 which has been cancelled. Thus, claim 1 should be allowable. Claims 2-10 depend from claim 1 and should therefore be allowable as well. Claims 12, 13, 15, 19 and 20 have been amended to be independent form. It is believed that these claims are allowable as well. The remaining claims are in dependent form and depend from one of above discussed allowable independent claims. Accordingly, it is believed that all claims pending in the application are allowable.

It is noted that the claims have been amended the informalities noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is believed that the objection has been overcome.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue at the earliest possible convenience. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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